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SUBJECT: FORIEGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY ON CUBA AT BUENOS AIRES
MFM

FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLANDEMAN

1. IN REPORTING JAN 3 PRESS CONFERENCE OF UNDERSEC FOREIGN AFFAIRS COLLARES, OF FIVE SANTIAGO PAPERS (INCLUDING JAN 3 AFTERNOON "LA SEGUNDA") ONLY TWO MENTIONED CUBA AND MFM. "ULTIMAS NOTICIAS" AND "LA LERCERA" BOTH LED OFF SHORT REPORTS IN THEIR JAN 4 EDITIONS WITH QUOTE OF COLLADOS: "THE PRESENCE OF CUBA WILL CONTRIBUTE NOTHING" TO MFM. "ULTIMAS" THEN PARAPHRASED COLLADOS AS FOLLOWS (EMBASSY TRANSLATION): "THE SENION GOVERNMENTAL PERSONAGE ADDED THAT UNDER NO CURCUMSTANCES WILL CHILE ATTEND THAT CONTINENTAL MEETING IF THE PRESENCE OF CUBA IS ACCEPTED AT IT. CAPTAIN COLLADOS SAID THAT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF CHILE IS VERY CLEAR AND EMPHATIC IN THIS SENSE , AND THAT ALL THE NATIONS OF THE CONTINENT KNOW THIS."

2. SOMEWHAT LONGER "TERCERA" REPORT MADE NO MENTION OF REFUSAL ATTEND MFM. IT COVERED COLLADOS' EXPLANATION OF INAPPROPRIATENESS OF CUBAN PRESENCE AT MFM, AND HIS REFERENCE TO UNDERSTANDING THAT
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(PARAPHRASE)"THERE MUST EXIST A CONSENSUS FOR INVITING SOMEONE

OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THE DIALOGUE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED."
REPORT SAID COLLADOS CONCLUDED BY SAYING IT APPEARS ATTEMPT IS BEING
MADE TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ATMOSPHERE FOR CUBAN ATTENDANCE.

3. COMMENT: GOC PLAINLY OPPOSES CUBAN PARTICIPATION MFM BUT WE HAVE
NO INDICATION GOC HAS CONCLUDED CUBAN PARTICIPATION INEVITABLE OR
HAS DECIDED TO STAY AWAY IN THAT EVENT.

4. WILL FOLLOW UP WITH FONMINISTRY MONDAY JAN 6.
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